

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Donald P. Howe, and we are richer because Don lives among us; and,

Whereas, Don was born August 3, 1913; and,

Whereas, Don married Kathleen Driskill Christensen in November 1962, and they have four daughters, Jane, Betty, Callie, and Kristin, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Don served as an advisor to four governors on mining and economic development issues in his role as director of Public Relations for Homestake Mining, and was responsible for negotiations and successful modification of the severance tax that assured an additional 40 years of mining, taxation, and jobs in Lawrence County; and,

Whereas, Don played a key role in the development of cultural activities in the Northern Hills area to include the Lead Opera House and High Plains Western Heritage Center; and,

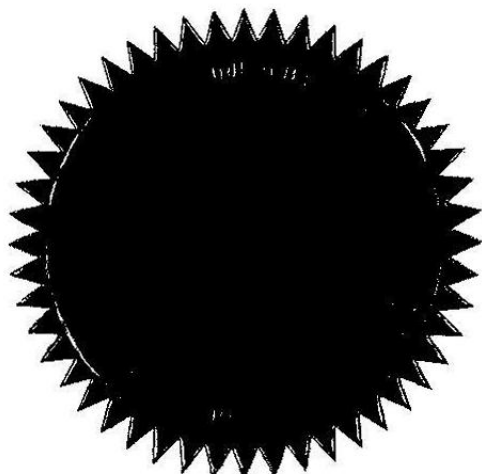
Whereas, Don served as a lobbyist and trusted consultant and advisor to key legislative leaders for over a quarter of a century with an honest regard for the economic growth of this great state; and,

Whereas, Don resides in Spearfish, South Dakota, and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on August 17, 2003, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2003, as

DON HOWE DAY


in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State
Chad W. Heinrich, Deputy